

VA TMS Quick Reference Guide



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Access the VA TMS

1. Enter https://www.tms.va.gov into your Web browser address field and press **Enter**.



2. The VA TMS sign-in page will display. You have successfully accessed the VA TMS.









Sign In to the VA TMS as a New User

- 1. On the VA TMS sign-in screen, enter your **User ID** in the User ID field. (**Note:** Review Helpful Hint below.)
- Enter NewTMSPW#123 in the Password field. This is your temporary password, which you will be prompted to change. (Note: Review "Create a New Password" below.)
- 3. Select **Sign In**. You have successfully signed in to the VA TMS as a new user.



Helpful Hint:

Your user ID is in this format: LASTNAME.FIRSTNAMEmmdd (e.g., SMITH.JOHN0501)

- LASTNAME = Your last name, with no hyphen, followed by a period (.)
- FIRSTNAME = Your first name
- mm = The two-digit month of your birth (January = 01, June = 06, December = 12)
- dd = The two-digit day of your birth (01, 15, 30)







Create a New Password

After signing in with the temporary password, the **Password Expired** page appears and you must follow the steps below to create a new password:

- 1. Create a new password and enter it in the **New Password** textbox (**Note:** Review Helpful Hint below).
- 2. Enter your new password again in the **Verify Password** textbox.
- 3. Select **Apply Changes**. You have successfully created a new password.

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		Verify Password
	2	Apply Changes Reset

Helpful Hint:

To meet VA strong password rules, your password must:

- Be between 12 and 20 characters long
- Contain both uppercase and lowercase letters, and at least one of the following:
 - Arabic numeral (e.g., 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)
 - Special character (e.g., !@#\$%^&*()-_+=\{\}[]<>?/"";:\\|)
 - Not contain your user ID, first name, or last name



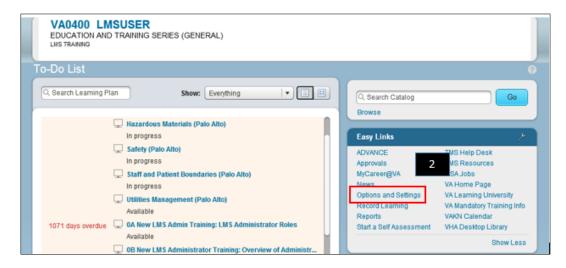




Create Your Security Questions and Answers

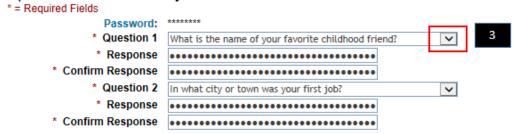
Note: You should be prompted to establish your security questions and answers when you change your password. However, if you are not, follow these steps.

- 1. Navigate to the **User** home page.
- Select the Options and Settings easy link.



3. On this page, you can create your security questions and answers. Select the **drop-down arrow** of the first security question.

Update Account Security Information



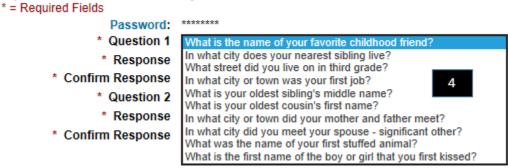






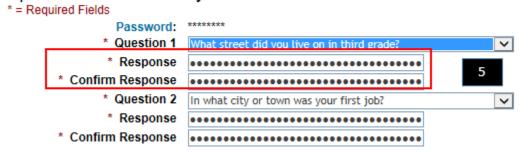
4. Select a new security question from the drop-down list.

Update Account Security Information



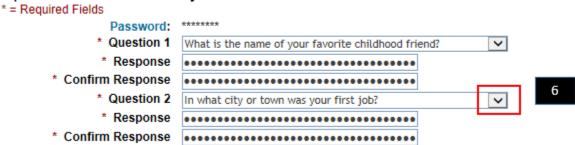
5. Enter a response and confirm your response. (**Note:** Your response is case sensitive.)

Update Account Security Information



6. Select the **drop-down arrow** of the second security question.

Update Account Security Information



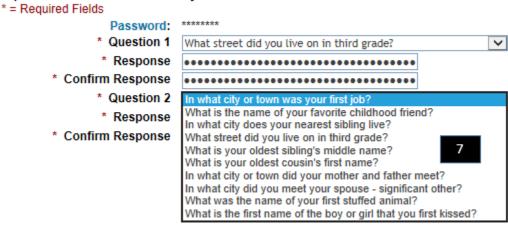




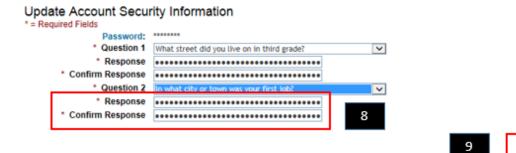


7. Select a new security question from the drop-down list.

Update Account Security Information



- 8. Enter a response and confirm your response. (**Note:** Your response is case sensitive.)
- 9. Select **Apply Changes.** You have successfully updated your security questions.



Helpful Hint:

• Your security answer is case-sensitive



Apply Changes

Reset





Sign In and Out of the VA TMS as an Established User

1. Enter https://www.tms.va.gov in your Web browser address field and press **Enter**.



- 2. On the VA TMS sign-in page, enter your **User ID** in the User ID field.
- 3. Enter your password in the Password field.
- 4. Select Sign In.



To end your current session and sign-out of the VA TMS, select **Sign Out** in the upper right corner of any VA TMS page. You have successfully signed in and out of the VA TMS as an established user.



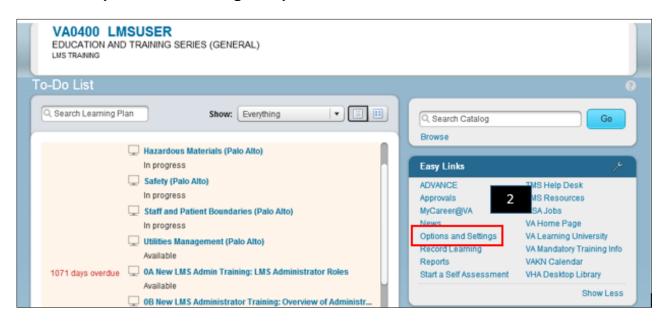






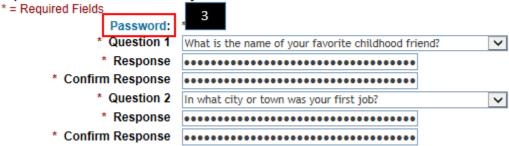
Change Your Password

- 1. Navigate to the User home page.
- 2. Select the Options and Settings easy link.



3. On this page, you can update your account security information. Select **Password**.

Update Account Security Information









- 4. Enter your **old password**. Enter your **new password** and then **verify** it. Be sure to follow the password requirements listed on this screen.
- 5. Select **Apply Changes**. You have successfully changed your password.



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 - Not contain your user ID, first name, or last name





Reset a Forgotten Password

Note: The VA TMS will become locked if you attempt to log in with an incorrect password too many times. You can follow these steps to reset your forgotten password before your account becomes locked.

1. Select the Forgot Password link on the VA TMS sign-in page.



2. Enter your **User ID** in the textbox and select **Submit**.

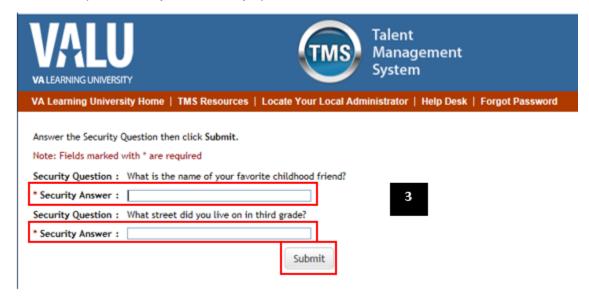




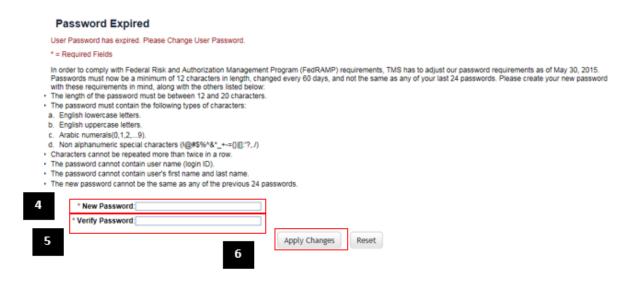




3. Enter responses to your security questions and select **Submit**.



- 4. Enter a new password.
- 5. Verify the new password.
- 6. Select **Apply Changes**. You have successfully reset a forgotten password.









Helpful Hint:

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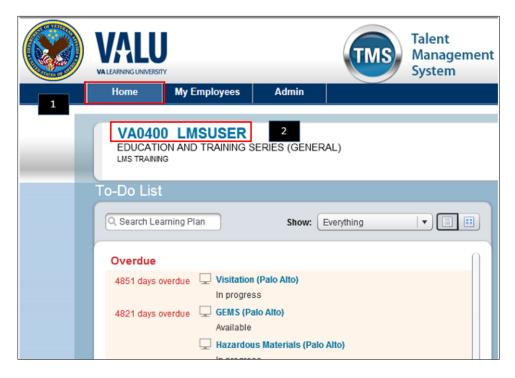
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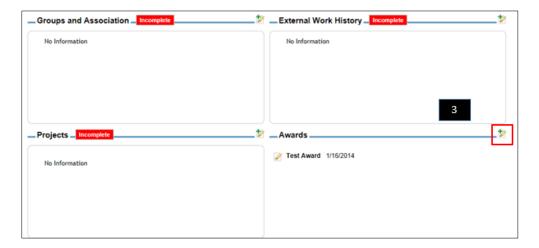


Update Your Talent Profile

- 1. Navigate to the User home page.
- 2. Select your User Name link.



3. This page displays your talent profile. You can edit any section that has a pencil icon next to it. For example, select the **pencil icon** next to Awards.

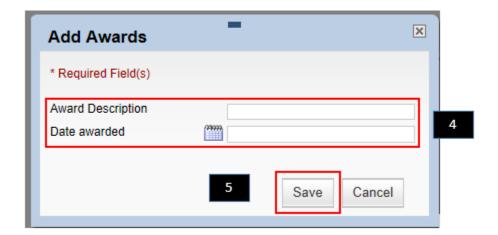








- 4. Add an Award Description and Date Awarded.
- 5. Select **Save.** You have successfully added an award to your talent profile. Continue to add information to your talent profile by selecting the pencil icon in the different areas.

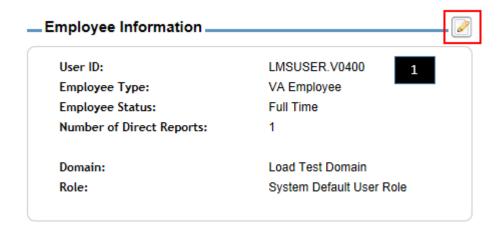




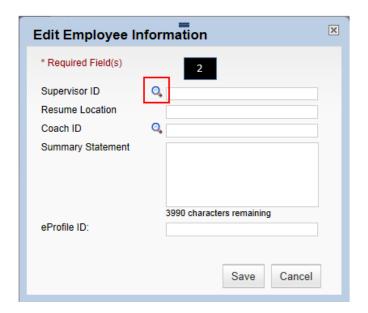


Add a Supervisor

1. Access your talent profile (by selecting your name link on the home page) and select the **pencil icon** on the right, next to **Employee Information**.



2. Select the Supervisor ID magnifying glass icon.

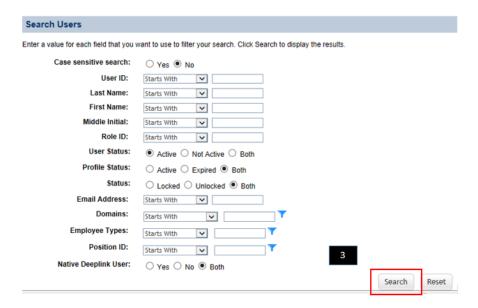




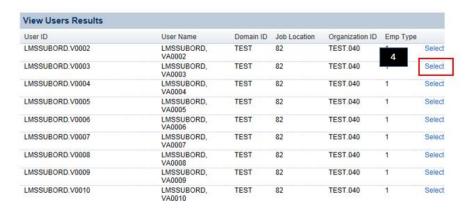




3. Enter your search criteria and select Search.



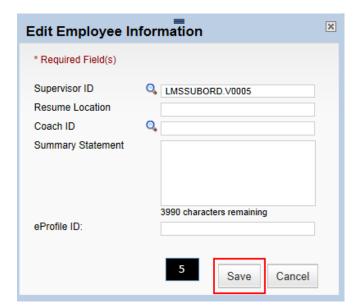
4. Select the correct supervisor from the search results.







5. Select **Save.** You have successfully added a supervisor to your talent profile.







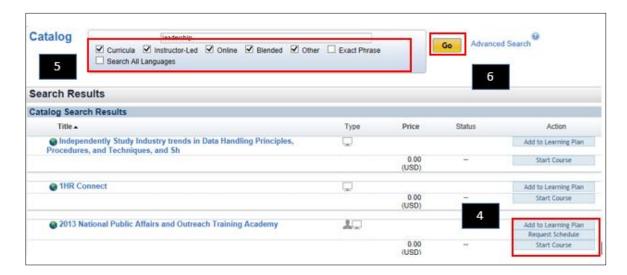
Search the VA TMS Catalog

Conduct Keyword Searches

- 1. Navigate to the **User** home page, where there is a textbox for conducting keyword searches in the VA TMS catalog.
- 2. Enter letters or words in the textbox to return all catalog items containing that information.
- Select Go.



- 4. From this screen, you can add items to your To-Do List, request schedules, and launch online content. **NOTE:** The To-Do List is sometimes referred to as the Learning Plan in the VA TMS.
- 5. Refine your search by selecting or deselecting the different types of training listed at the top of the screen.
- 6. Select Go.





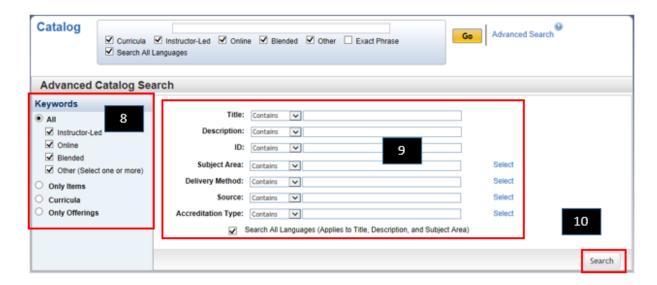




Select Advanced Search to conduct a more in-depth search of the VA TMS catalog.



- 8. Select **Keywords** for your advanced search.
- 9. Enter advanced search criteria using the drop-down lists and select links.
- Select Search. You have successfully conducted a keyword search in the VA TMS.



Helpful Hints:

- Be as specific as possible when entering your search criteria.
- Look for learning items by item number for faster and easier searches.





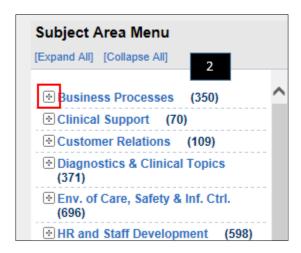


Browse the VA TMS Catalog

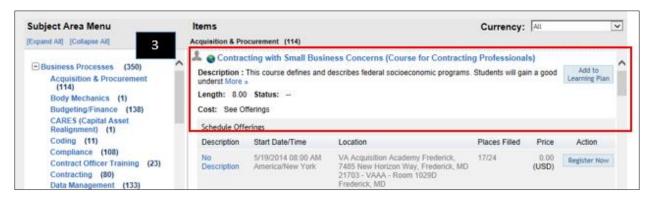
1. In addition to conducting keyword searches, you can also browse the VA TMS catalog. Select **Browse** on your home page.



2. Select the **plus sign** to view all topics under a particular subject area.



3. Select a **topic** to display all related catalog items.

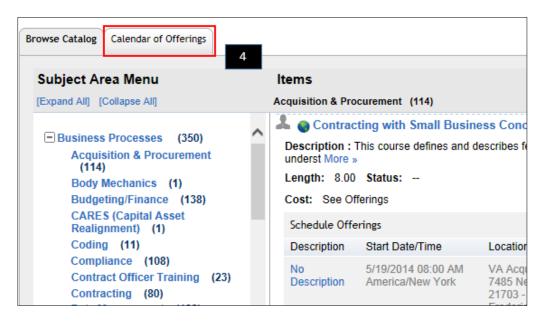




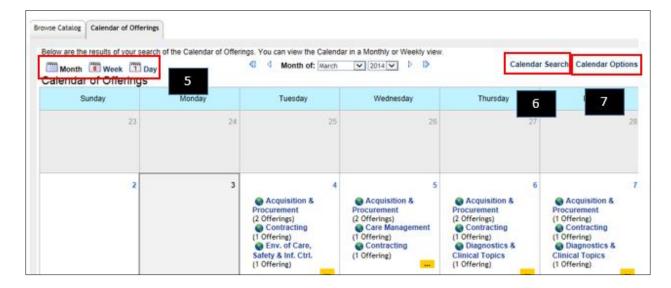




4. Select Calendar of Offerings.



- 5. This screen displays all scheduled offerings of the topic you've selected according to date. Select **Month**, **Week**, or **Day** to change your calendar view.
- 6. Select **Calendar Search** to search for catalog items on your calendar.
- 7. Select **Calendar Options** to update your calendar preferences, such as the first day of the week. You have successfully browsed the VA TMS catalog.





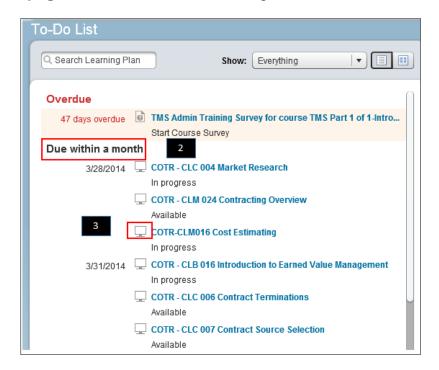




Display Your To-Do List

- 1. Navigate to the **User** home page to display your To-Do List.
- Your To-Do List will always show Overdue items first, highlighted in red. Next, items due within a week, due within a month, and then due later will display (as appropriate). Items with no due date will appear at the bottom.
- Each item on the To-Do List has an icon next to it to indicate the type of training.
 In the example below the highlighted item, a computer icon, indicates Online training.

Note: An **instructor** icon indicates instructor-led training. The **computer** icon indicates online training. The **instructor/computer** icon indicates blended learning. The **page** icon indicates other learning, such as an assessment or survey.

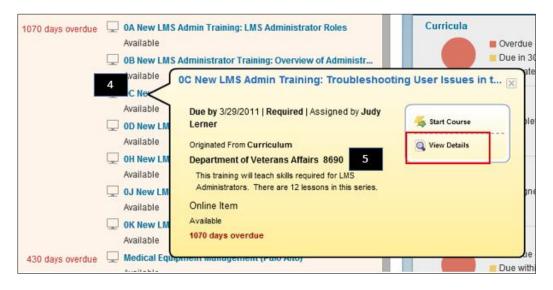




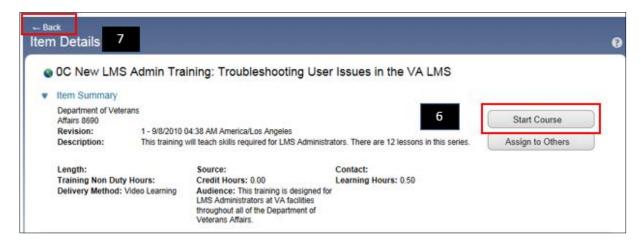




- 4. When you place your cursor over an item in **List View**, a new window appears that provides more information about the item and links to various actions.
- 5. Select View Details.



- 6. This page displays all of the details for the course. Select **Start Course** to launch the online content.
- 7. Select **Back** to return to your home page.

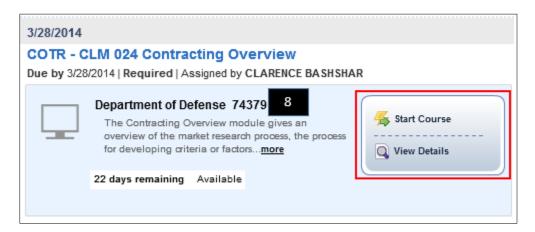








8. Select the **Card View** icon to change the display of your To-Do List from a list to individual cards. You can take actions such as **Start Course** or **View Details** from this view. You have successfully displayed your To-Do List.

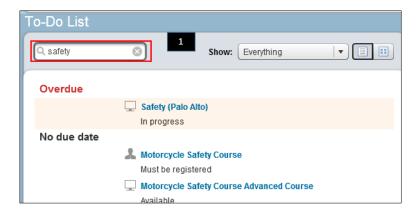




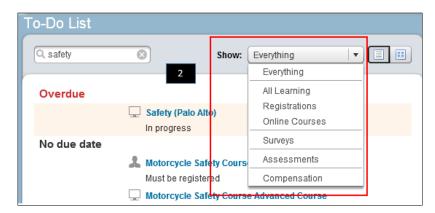


Search Your To-Do List

1. Enter keywords in the **Search** textbox to search for items on your To-Do List.



2. Select the **Show** drop-down list to customize your search. For example, you can select **Online Courses** to display only your online courses. You have successfully searched your To-Do List.









Add Items to Your To-Do List

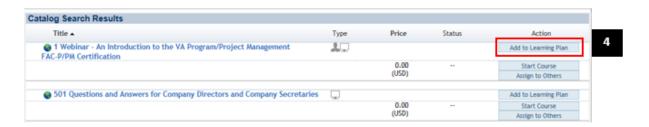
- 1. In the Catalog Search Textbox on the user home page, enter letters or words to return all catalog items containing that information.
- 2. Select Go.



3. You can also select the **Browse** link to search for courses.



4. Once you find the desired course on the Catalogs Search Results page, select **Add to Learning Plan** to add the item to your To-Do List. You have successfully added items to your To-Do List.







Helpful Hints:

- Not all items can be automatically added to your To-Do List. However, you can
 usually self-register for an online course and add it to your own To-Do List, and
 some classroom-based training may also allow self-registration.
- For items that do not allow self-registration, follow the VA TMS prompts to request registration pending approval from your supervisor or administrator.

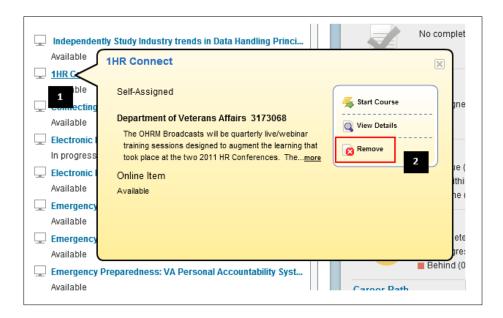






Remove Items from Your To-Do List

- 1. To remove an item, hover over an item (in List View) on your To-Do List on the User home page.
- 2. Select the Remove link.



Select Yes to confirm that you want to delete the item. You have successfully removed an item from your To-Do List.



Helpful Hints:

 You can only remove items that you have added yourself. Items assigned by someone else can only be removed by an approved administrator.





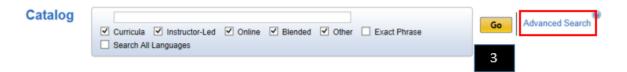


Register for VA TMS Courses

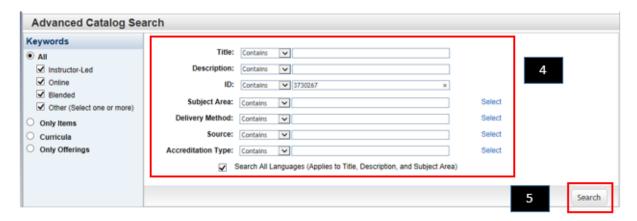
- 1. Navigate to the User home page.
- 2. Select Browse.



3. Select Advanced Search.



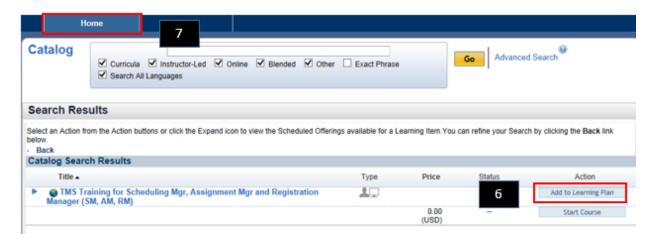
- 4. Enter your advanced search criteria.
- 5. Select Search.



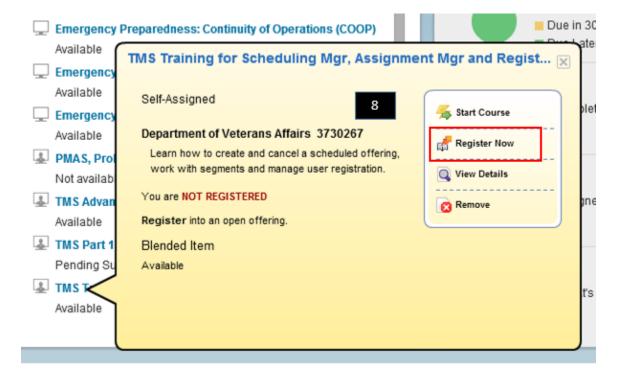




- Select Add to Learning Plan. Note: The To-Do List is sometimes referred to as the Learning Plan in the VA TMS.
- 7. Select **Home** to return to your To-Do List.



8. Hover over the item on your To-Do List and select Register Now.





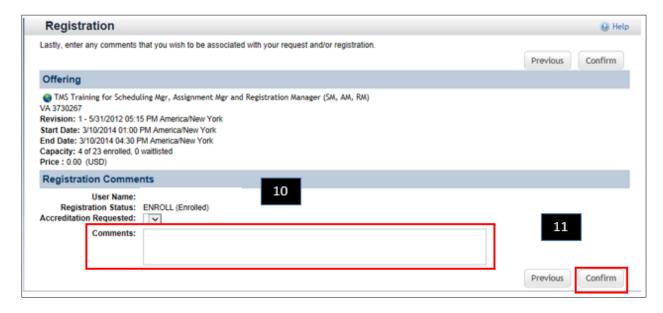




9. Select **Register Now** for the scheduled offering you wish to participate in.



- 10. Enter any comments you would like associated with your registration.
- 11. Select **Confirm.** You have successfully registered for a VA TMS course.



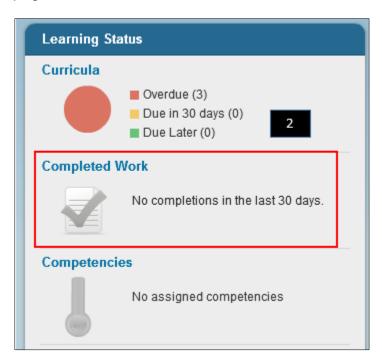






Access and Filter Completed Work

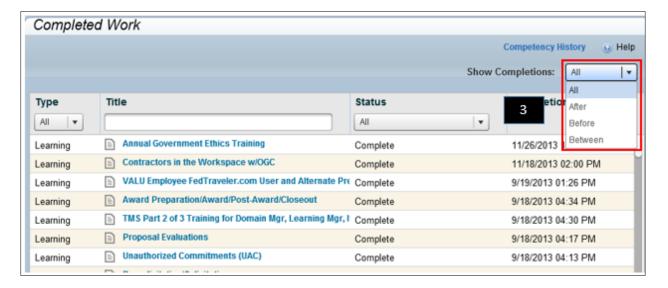
- 1. Navigate to the **User** home page.
- 2. Select the **Completed Work** tab in the Learning Status section of your home page.







3. This page lists all of the learning events that you have completed, along with their status and completion dates. Select the drop-down arrow next to Show Completions to filter the display of your completed work. This feature allows you to display completed work after, before, or between certain dates.



4. For example, if you select **Between** from the drop-down list, you will enter specific date range and then select **Find**. Only those completed items within the date range will appear. You have successfully accessed and filtered your completed work.









Print Completion Certificates

 If you hover over an item on your Completed Work page, you can choose to display details, print a completion certificate, or review content. Select **Print** Certificate.



2. You have successfully printed a completion certificate. Below is a sample **Certificate of Completion**.



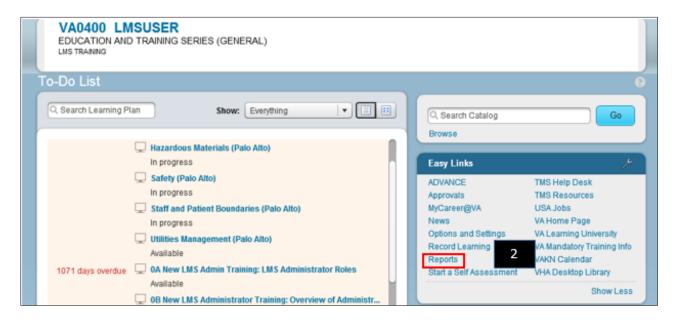






Print Your Learning History

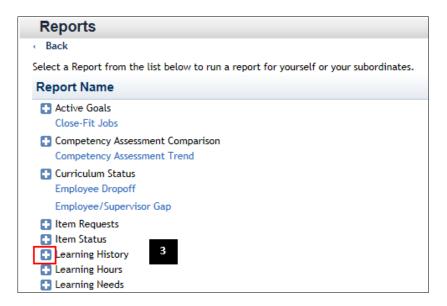
- 1. Navigate to the User home page.
- 2. Select the **Reports** easy link.







3. This page lists all of the reports that you can run on yourself in the VA TMS. Select the **plus sign** next to **Learning History**.



4. Select **Learning History** from the drop-down list. **Note:** The Learning History (CSV) option will generate your report into a spreadsheet format.



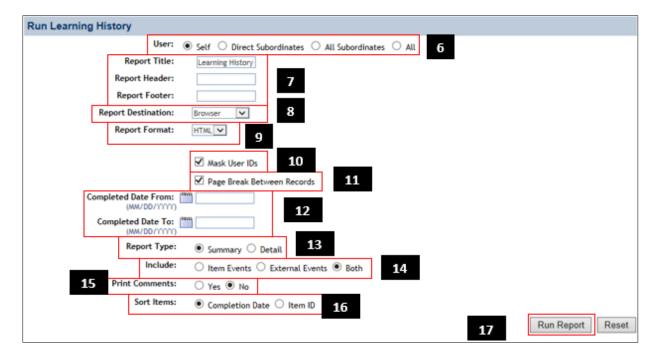
- This page allows you to enter specific criteria in order to filter report results. You
 can choose to run a report for Self, Direct Subordinates, All Subordinates, or
 All.
- 7. You can add a **Report Title** and **header** or **footer**.
- 8. You can send the report to your **browser** or **local file**. The browser is the most common default.
- You can select the applicable Report Format, either HTML or PDF.
- 10. In some organizations, users' IDs are classified as sensitive information. To hide user IDs, you can check **Mask User IDs**.
- 11. You can check **Page Break Between Records** if you want to start each report record on a new page.
- 12. You can select the **calendar icon** to enter date ranges for reports.







- 13. You can select the **Report Type** as Summary or Detail.
- 14. You can choose to include Item Events, External Events, or Both in your report.
- 15. You can choose to **Print Comments** in your report.
- 16. You can choose to **Sort Items** by Completion Date or Item ID.
- 17. Once you have entered your report criteria, select **Run Report**. You have successfully printed your Learning History.









Access and Navigate VA TMS Help

1. Select the **Help question mark icon** which is located in the upper right portion on every VA TMS page.



2. From here you can access three different Help functions – Contents, Index, or Search. Select **Contents** to choose a topic and learn more about it.









Select Index to display a detailed, alphabetical list of subject areas that you can choose to learn more about.



4. Select **Search** to open a textbox where you can type and search on keywords. You have successfully accessed and navigated the VA TMS Help.



Helpful Hints:

 Select the TMS Help Desk easy link to locate contacts for additional assistance with the VA TMS.

